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ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

DON'T TREAD ON ME

High HEAVEN *to* GRACIOUS ENDS *directs the* STORM!

WILLIAMSBURG, *August* 11, 1777.

THE rector requests a meeting of the visitors and governours of *William* and *Mary* college on the 27th day of this instant. He hopes that all of them will be then present at the college, as the affairs of that seminary never required greater attention. (a)

THE steward and collectors of the College revenues are desired immediately to send to mr. *John Carter*, thereof, a particular state of their accounts, and all surveyors in arrears are required to come and settle the same by the 1st of *October*, or they may depend upon having their commissions superseded. It is also desired that those gentlemen who are in arrears for board do immediately send the money to the said bursar, or else their sons cannot board in the College any longer.

J. BRACKEN, clerk of the meeting.

THE building of a PRISON for the county of *Chesterfield*, which was to have been let last week, is put off to the first *Friday* in *September*. It is ordered by the court, that there be two, one for debtors, and one for criminals. The work will be let to the lowest bidder, bond and security for the performance required, and a plan of the building shewn on the day by the persons appointed.

NEWCASTLE, *August* 12, 1777.

I INTEND for the *West Indies* in a few weeks, and to return in the spring. In my absence, mr. *Richmond Allen* will be properly authorised to receive payment of the debts due to the late partnership of *Allen & Hart*. 2‖ JOHN HART.

WANTED, four or five people that have been bred to the rope-making business, to whom I will give good encouragement. Or I would purchase *SERVANTS*, bred to that business ---☞ I have all kinds of *CORDAGE* for sale, at all times.

4‖ WILL: HEPBURN

To be SOLD to the highest bidders, before mr. Galt's *door in* Richmond, *the first* Monday *in* September, *being* Henrico *court day*,

A TRACT of *LAND*, containing 232 acres, lying near *Malvern Hills*, in the lower end of *Henrico* county, on the east side of *Turkey Island* creek, which stream is sufficient for a mill, and affords 18 or 20 acres of low grounds that will make excellent meadow. About 60 acres of this land are cleared, on which there is a high and beautiful situation to build upon. The smallness of this tract need not hinder any person inclinable to purchase, as there are other lands adjoining to be sold, one tract on the opposite side of the creek. One half of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, and six months credit for the other half, the purchaser giving bond with approved security to

JOSIAH PARSONS.
SAMUEL BELL.
JOHN PLEASANTS.
JESSE HARGROVE.

LUNENBURG county, *June* 24, 1777.

Mr. PURDIE,

WE have hitherto deferred answering the scurrility of *Hugh Knox*, from a conviction that private quarrels of this kind could be no very agreeable entertainment to the publick; but when men, in order to gain credit with the world for a little more honesty than ever they possessed, will run into a degree of criminality dangerous to society, it becomes the duty of every one to speak out. The detection of so daring and infamous a forgery as appears to have been published by the said *Knox* in your paper of the 11th of *April* must surely be considered as a matter of concern, especially when the names of worthy and respectable men, who are now fighting our battles against the common enemy, are thus (without their consent) made subservient to the base and wicked purposes of detraction and private slander. Your publishing the following extract will satisfy the world of mr. *Knox*'s pretensions to their recommendation he assumed to himself in that notable publication.---ALEXANDRIA, *May* 4, 1777. We declare, upon our honour, we never signed any such certificate as appears in the Gazette, under our names, in favour of *Hugh Knox*, against *Isaac Brizendine* and *Peter Thompson*. We did certify the said *Knox* to be a good farmer or scyther, but he may be the d---dest rogue in the world for any thing we know. COLWELL P. POOL. JAMES JOHNSON.---I deny ever signing any certificate in favour of *Hugh Knox*, against *Isaac Brizendine* and *Peter Thompson*. W. P. POOL.---The above certificates are truly taken from the originals in the hand writing of the gentlemen whose names are perfixed to them, now in our possession. ISAAC BRIZENDINE.

PETER THOMPSON.

FOR sale, a TRACT of LAND, containing about 800 acres, lying upon the *Assemusock* swamp in *Sussex* county, whereon is a dwelling-house with four rooms below and two above stairs, a deep dry cellar under the house bricked from the foundation, with two brick chimnies and four fire places in it, a good kitchen, negro house, dairy, smokehouse, three barns, and many other necessary houses, with three excellent apple orchards of forward and latter fruits, and cleared ground, under good fences, for 8 or 10 hands; it being the plantation where *Robert Jones*, senior, late of this county, lived. The terms may be known by applying to capt. *George Rives* in *Sussex*, or the subscriber in *Northampton* county, *North Carolina*. 4‖ NAT. JONES.

August 10, 1777.

A BRIGANTINE on the stocks, at the shipyard on *Nomony* in *Westmoreland*, near *Stratford*, will be sold on *Monday* the 1st of *September*, to the highest bidder.

ELIZABETH LEE.

HALIFAX, N. Carolina, *July* 25, 1777.

FOR sale, at publick vendue, at the house of the subscribers, on the *Western Branch* in *Nansemond* county, *Virginia*, on *Monday* the 1st of *September*, all the household and kitchen furniture, most of which is almost new and of the best quality, three negroes, and a valuable collection of books, with a quantity of coffee and allspice. Twelve months credit will be allowed, and bond with approved security required. ---At the same time will be rented, the houses and other improvements lately occupied by them, for one, two, or three years, as may be most agreeable to the persons wanting them; and as they intend soon to leave the continent, they desire all persons who have claims against them in *Virginia* to bring them and receive payment from mr. *John M'Donald* or mr. *John Halbert* in *Nansemond*, with whom those indebted to them are requested to make settlements and grant bonds or other security for their respective balances. Any claims that may be against them in *N. Carolina* will be answered by applying to mr. *Archibald Hamilton* in *Halifax*, mr. *John Hamilton* at *Newbern*, and mr. *James Martin* in *Wake* county, to whom it is hoped those having claims will make application for payment as soon as possible. It is also requested that all persons indebted to them in that state will apply as above, and grant bonds for their respective balances before their departure.

‖ ARCH. HAMILTON, & Co.

To be SOLD for One Hundred Pounds,

ARISTOTLE, a blooded horse, from a very fine mare and old *Aristotle*, an imported horse. Young *Aristotle* is a fine bay, clear limbed, about 4 feet 11 inches high, 5 years old, and in high perfection. Apply to the subscriber, living in the lower end of *Hanover* county,

2‖ DAVID HARRIS.

To be SOLD for ready money, or Negroes,

FOUR hundred acres of land in *Halifax* county, on *Catawba* creek, which is very level, and well timbered. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms of the subscriber, in *Prince Edward*.

3‖ ROBERT MARTIN.

RUN away from the subscriber in Stafford *county, the 20th of* July, an English *servant woman named* Margaret Miller (*alias* Graves) *30 years old, about 5 feet 6 inches high, has black hair and eyes, a number of small black freckles in her face, a remarkable good set of teeth, very large hands and arms, a good skin (though much sun burnt) pitted a little with the smallpox, has a pleasant countenance, is a likely woman, and but spare made. She took with her a cotton shift without wristbands, a jacket and petticoat filled in with black yarn, a striped cotton gown with ruffled cuffs, a black silk bonnet, good linen aprons and caps, two pair of thread and worsted hose, flat heeled shoes, cotton gloves, and a good deal of money. Whoever brings her to me shall have 10 dollars reward.*

3‖ MOSES PHILLIPS.

FISH KILL, *July 24.*

Extract of a letter from Albany, July 21.

THE last accounts from the northward are, that major Yates (of the first New York regiment) with the troops under his command, had abandoned Fort George; but previous thereto, all the stores, to the smallest article, were removed from thence to Fort Edward. Part of the troops still remain at Skeensborough. Whether they will proceed on from thence, and endeavour to penetrate the country, is yet uncertain; but should they attempt it, there is reason to expect they will meet with a warm reception. Gen. Skene (who is to be governour of Ticonderoga, Crown Point, &c.) is, with a body of the enemy, at a place called Castleton, about 18 miles this side Mount Independence, where he is employed, by proclamations, threats, and flattering speeches, in endeavour to persuade the weaker sort from their allegiance to the states, and to terrify the spectators of the ruin and devastation carried through their country. Few of them have yet joined, and there is reason to expect few will, as col. Warner is near him with a body of troops, to oppose him in his designs. General Nixon, with about 1000 men, lies at and about Fort Anne, to obstruct the passages, and intercept the enemy's scouts, of whom our people daily make prisoners. The day before yesterday five were taken between Fort Anne and Skeensborough; three of these appeared like Indians, and upon being walked were found to be Tories, who were coming to the enemy from the neighbourhood of Fort Edward. General Schuyler continues his head quarters at Fort Edward, where he has a respectable army of continental troops and militia, all in high spirits. The stand will be made at Moses's creek, about four miles on this side of Fort Edward, a place well formed for defence. There is nothing from the westward; all is peace there. The Six Nations are gone to hold a conference with Butler and sir John Johnson, at Oswego, after which, they have sent word by two Indians, they will immediately come down and hold a conference with the commanding officer at this place."

Extract of a letter from Moses's Creek, July 18.

"We have just had a brush with the enemy at Fort Edward, in which lieut. Van Vechten was most inhumanly butchered and scalped. Two serjeants, and two privates, were likewise killed and scalped; one of the latter had both his hands cut off. They took a young woman, Jenny M'Crea by name, out of a house at Fort Edward, carried her about half a mile into the bushes, and there killed and scalped her in cold blood. They have killed and scalped another woman near the same place."

Last Tuesday two men were taken up, and interrupted in their errand to general Howe. They being both Germans, were recommended to one Freleigh, their countryman, a staunch Tory, to direct them the road. They unluckily made a mistake, by calling on a Whig of the same name, who heard their inquiries, and found out their errand. Thinking it rather unsafe to let them pass, without a further examination into their real business, he sent them for that purpose, under convoy, to the commissioners at Poughkeepsie.

Last Monday was hanged at Fort Montgomery one of lord Howe's recruiting officers.

Last week another of the same gentlemen was hanged at Peek's Kill.

PHILADELPHIA, *August 2.*

THE people of England are in daily expectation of receiving the news of Philadelphia's being in the hands of their general. Every ship that arrives, they are looking for the important intelligence. With what surprise will they hear that general Howe has thrice undertaken the expedition, twice by land and once by water; that his heart has failed him, and that he has not dared to put the matter to the trial; that Leviathan twice insulted him in New Jersey, and confined his whole army in New Brunswick; that when he dared to march out a few miles from that place, our brave countrymen chased him from the state; and when his fleet and army, changing their route, arrived at the mouth of the Delaware, the very report of our preparations melted their hearts, and they shrunk back, baffled in their striking boasted enterprise!

Extract of a letter from Cape May, dated July 31, 1777, 8 o'clock.

"At 8 this morning the fleet stood off, steering S. E. and are now out of sight, and have been these three hours. This morning I was, with many others, of opinion they were bound up the Delaware; but as they could have got in this morning, and did not, I am now of opinion they are making a feint. If so, they have a fresh wind at S. S. W. which will carry them to the eastward very fast. I believe their whole fleet was in sight, though I could count only 190 sail. I shall send off an express if the fleet appears."

To those whom it doth concern.

It is reported the much celebrated Doctor Benjamin Franklin hath often said, when speaking of the dispute between Great Britain and America, that the man who has twenty shillings in his pocket ought to lay out eighteen on purpose to know whether the remaining shilling was really his own.

WILLIAMSBURG, *August 15.*

LAST night an express arrived from the Eastern Shore, with advice that the enemy's fleet (consisting, it is said, of about 250 sail of which) appeared off Metomkin inlet, opposite to Northampton courthouse, last Tuesday and Wednesday, plying off and on.—Whatever may be their intention, it is essentially necessary that the militia of every county in this state put themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning, to assist their brethren in repelling those cruel disturbers of our peace.

This morning an express arrived from capt. Bright of the Northampton armed brig, now on the Eastern Shore, that last night, about 9 o'clock, he perceived the enemy's fleet standing into our capes.

YORK, *August 13.* This day the lady of his excellency general WASHINGTON paid a visit to this town. Her welcome was testified by the firing of cannon and small arms, and the joy of every inhabitant and soldier.

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, Aug 5.

"A captain of the Jersey militia, somewhere below South Amboy, discovered a ship to come in the bay, and the boat, with a number of hands, to come on shore. He concealed his party and cut off their retreat, and made them prisoners. From them he learned, that only three more remained on board; upon which he manned the boat, took possession of the ship, and ran her afhore. She turns out to be a West Indiaman worth 60,000 dollars; the first ship and cargo, perhaps, that was ever taken by a scouting party of militia.

"Col. P. P. Thornton supplies the place of the late col. George Johnston, as his excellency's 4th aid de camp.

"A packet is very lately arrived from France, and is said to bring the strongest assurances of the friendly disposition of that court and Spain. They have agreed to support the credit of our currency by any loans we may require, and to supply us with military stores, &c."

By the Hon. JOHN PAGE, esq; Lieutenant Governour of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS I have received certain intelligence, that a large fleet of ships (between 3 and 400 sail) were seen last night standing directly in our capes, and probably meditate an attack upon some part of this country: I therefore judge it proper, by and with the advice of the Council, to issue this my proclamation, hereby strictly enjoining the several county lieutenants within this commonwealth to hold the militia of their respective counties in readiness to march, at a moment's warning, to this city, or such other place as may be hereafter directed.

Given under my hand at Williamsburg, *this 15th day of August, in the 2d year of the commonwealth, and in the year of our* Lord 1777.

JOHN PAGE, Lieut. Gov.

GOD save the Commonwealth.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

STANARDTON, *July 25, 1777.*

COMPLIMENTS attend miss Wilson's compliments attend miss Betsy Eppes, and begs she will be more circumspect in her next examination of grievances. The underneath may serve to inform the above lady by what authority her husband's property was seized and to whom it was delivered.

A copy of lieutenant colonel Frank Eppes's orders to lieut. Willis Wilson.

"You are to take into your possession all the estate of moveables you possibly can of col. Jacob Ellegood's, also of John Bryant's. Be sure to take the horse that Betsey Wilkes drove in the chair the other day. Keep a strong guard to night. Send down negroes down in the morning.

FRANK EPPES."

A copy of lieutenant John K. Davis's deposition.

THE deposition of John K. Davis, respecting the seizing col. Jacob Ellegood's property, by order of lieut. col. Frank Eppes in the year 1776. The deponent, being sworn, saith, that some time in the year 1776, he went, by order of lieut. col. Frank Eppes, under lieutenant Willis Wilson, to take possession of the personal estate of col. Jacob Ellegood, as a person inimical to the rights and liberties of America; that lieut. Wilson obeyed his orders, so far as to seize several negroes, horses, &c. which he (the said lieutenant Wilson) delivered to the commanding officer, to be disposed of as he thought proper. The deponent farther saith, he does not know, neither does he believe, that lieutenant Wilson took either linen, or any other of col. Jacob Ellegood's property, but what he was directed to take by order of col. Eppes the commanding officer at that place. And farther this deponent saith not.

JOHN K. DAVIS.

Sworn to before me,

WILLIAM PARTRIDGE.

Williamsburg, July 25, 1777.

For SALE, or to be RENTED for a term of years,

MY ordinary in *New Kent* county, on the main road to *Williamsburg*, 5 miles above *Cartwright's* ordinary, and 8 miles below the courthouse. There are 300 acres of land, on which is a plantation that will work 4 or 5 hands, a good dwelling-house with four rooms below and two above, all whitewashed and plaistered, all convenient houses, a good cellar, stable, and barn, apple and peach orchards, and an excellent spring. Any person inclinable to purchase, or rent, may know the terms of the subscriber living near the premises, or of *Richard Timberlake* in *King William* county.

JOHN TIMBERLAKE.

WILLIAMSBURG MANUFACTORY,
August 11, 1777.

FOR want of an HEMP MILL, we have not been able to answer the continual demands on us for dressed hemp; but we have a mill now erecting, and hope shortly to be able to accommodate our customers. We give ready money for cotton, wool, flax, and hemp, and continue to dress the two last of those articles for others in the best and most expeditious manner. Our price for heckling is one sixth part of the gross flax or hemp.

2| JOHN CRAWFORD, manager.

DESERTED from on board the *Hero* galley, the 7th of *June* last, the following men, *viz. John Baker*, a middling sized man, has short black hair, is very talkative, and formerly belonged to the brig *Liberty*. *Barnaby Carrigan*, a short thick man, very much marked with the smallpox, and formerly belonged to capt. *Bell's* company of the 4th regiment. *James Dunn*, who deserted the 15th of *July*, from on board the said vessel, a middle sized man, has light short hair, and formerly belonged to capt. *Stevenson's* company of the 5th regiment. They are all *Irishmen*. Whoever apprehends said deserters, and secures them in any jail, or on board any armed vessel belonging to this state, shall receive 10 dollars reward for each. I flatter myself that all friends to *America* will spare no pains in apprehending the said deserters, if they should hear of them, as they have received their full bounty, and are enlisted for three years.

1| WILLIS CHAMBERLAYNE, capt.

CABELL POINT, *August* 8, 1777.

BETWEEN 4 and 500 bushels of SALT, 200 lbs. of GUNPOWDER, and 150 lbs. of LEAD COLOURS will be sold to the highest bidders, on *Wednesday* the 10th of *September*, in small lots, at the *Pitch Landing*, in *Northampton* county, *North Carolina*.

1| JOHN COOKE, & Co.

MARDUN EVINGTON, at capt. *Richard Baugh's* in *Chesterfield* county, being now at leisure, would be glad to be employed as a master workman in the various branches of architecture, either in public or private buildings, from the most elegant and superb, down to the gentleman's plain country seat. He understands the various branches of the cabinet business, *Chinese* and *Gothick* work, carving and turning, and is an adept in the several beauties of architecture, both ancient and modern. He has an excellent assortment of tools and books for his business, and will take charge of any number of hands in the mechanick way.

BY instructions from col. *Stevens*, I hereby give notice to all officers of the 10th regiment that were left behind when the regiment marched to meet me at *Alexandria* by the 15th instant, with what men they have recruited, and to make it their business, in the meanwhile, to apprehend deserters from the regiment, and have them conducted, under a proper guard, to *Alexandria* likewise, from whence we must march, on the day aforesaid, to join the grand army.

2| JOHN MOUNTJOY, captain.

STRAYED from the town of *Falmouth*, about the first of *September* last, a dark bay horse 8 years old this spring, 4 feet 8 or 9 inches high, one of his hind feet white as far up as the fetlock, a small white spot in his face, hanging mane and switch tail, no brand remembered, paces naturally when rode, and canters well, trots at times when out of hand. Whoever will deliver the said horse to capt. *Henry Ragsdale*, near *Ruffin's* ferry, *King George* county, or the subscriber in *Falmouth*, shall have 10 dollars reward.

SOUSHER TEBBS.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform the publick, that he has opened a COFFEE HOUSE in the house lately kept by mrs. *Julian* as a tavern, on the main street in *Fredericksburg*, where gentlemen may be genteelly accommodated with lodging, &c. for themselves, servants, and horses.

MEREDITH MUSE.

DESERTED from my company, in the 10th *Virginia* regiment, the following soldiers, *viz. Joseph Phillips*, about 6 feet high, 22 or 23 years old, well made, has short brown hair, and formerly lived in *Augusta*. *James Hamilton*, about 40 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches high, has a thin visage, and it is said is gone to *Carolina*. *Jeremiah Christie*, a young man about 5 feet 7 inches high, well made, full faced, has gray eyes, and brown hair. *John Nelson*, 25 years old, 5 feet 9 inches high, stout made, has dark hair and eyes, and formerly followed the water business. *William Bettesworth*, 23 years old, 5 feet 11 inches high, well made, and has light hair. *James Jones*, 30 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, well made, has black hair and eyes, and is a planter. All but the first mentioned deserter came out of *Stafford* and *King George*. Whoever delivers the above deserters to any officer of the 10th regiment shall have 20 dollars for each.

1| J. MOUNTJOY, capt.

DESERTED from the *Safeguard* galley, *William Farrell*, about 5 feet 8 inches high, has an impediment in his speech, grey eyes, and is red headed; had on when he went away an old shirt, and woollen trowsers. Also *Charles Eldot*, a *Scotchman*, which may easily be discovered from his dialect, about 5 feet 8 inches high, and wears his own hair; had on a blue jacket, and black breeches. Whoever secures the said deserters, so that I get them again, shall have 30 dollars reward for each.

GEO: ELLIOTT, captain.

DESERTED from the *Lewis* galley, *Rachel Wharton*, about 20 years old, has sandy coloured hair, and had on and took with him common sailors clothes. Also *Henry Overstreet*, about 25 years old, and is very talkative. Whoever secures the said deserters, so that I get them again, shall have 20 dollars reward for each.

CELEY SAUNDERS, capt.

DESERTED from capt. *John Lewis's* company of colonial troops the following soldiers, who were enlisted in *Bedford*. *Henry Fear*, about 40 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, a tailor by trade. *Philip Atkins*, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, about 30 years old, and of a dark complexion. *James Boyd*, about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high. *James Jordan* (alias *William Johnston*) about 20 years old, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high. Whoever secures the above deserters, so as they join their company, or delivers them at capt. *Lewis's* warm springs, *Augusta* county, shall have 20 dollars reward for each, and reasonable charges.

J. MUCKLEHENNY, lieut.

STRAYED from the subscriber, in *Nansemond*, near *South Quay*, a sorrel horse 4 feet 9 or 10 inches high, has been used to work in a waggon, his mane hangs on the left side, paces rough, has a drooping rump, good spirit, but whether he has any brand or white about him I do not remember. Also another sorrel horse 4 feet 2 or 3 inches high, has some white I believe in his forehead, paces slow, has a hop in his pace, and came from the *Great Bridge* last summer. And a black gray mare colt two years old last spring, neither dockt nor branded, and came from *Suffolk*. A good reward will be given for any of the above strays.

4| BENJ. BAKER.

To be SOLD on Wednesday the 10th instant (August) *for ready money, before mr. Donald Ross's door, in Williamsburg,*

A CHEST of complete carpenters and joiners TOOLS, with all the household furniture and wearing apparel belonging to the estate of *Joshua Kendall*, deceased. All persons indebted to the said estate are desired to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands against the same are desired to make them known.

1| JOHN HOLT, adm.

For SALE on moderate terms,

A VALUABLE tract of land on *James* river, between 40 and 50 miles above the town of *Richmond*, containing 2370 acres, about 100 acres of which are rich low grounds, and the high land very good for corn and tobacco, which may be seen by the crops now growing. Upon the land is a large well built dwelling-house, and all convenient houses, with cleared ground sufficient to work 20 hands. Any person inclinable to purchase may be shewn the land and know the terms on application to the subscriber, who lives on the premises, or in his absence of the overseer.

JOHN COBBS.

WHEREAS a certain *John Howerton*, a resident of *Essex* county, was properly enlisted by me for the service of this state, and hath failed to attend agreeable to orders, this is therefore to give the said *Howerton* publick notice to repair to *York* garrison within ten days from the publication hereof, otherwise he will be deemed a deserter, and treated accordingly.

J. REYNOLDS, jun. lieut.

To be RENTED or LEASED, on Friday the 2nd instant (August) *on the premises,*

TWO plantations in the lower end of *Surry* county, belonging to the estate of *William Ruffin*, deceased. There is on one a dwelling-house with five rooms below and three above, also a good kitchen, storehouse, stable, two new granaries, and other necessary outhouses; upon the other a dwelling-house, kitchen, &c. The plantations are both under good fences, and in fine order for cropping.

1| J. H. COCKE, executor.

WILLIAMSBURG, *August* 5, 1777.

THE recruiting officers of the 4th *Virginia* regiment are desired to attend at mr. *Southall's*, in the city of *Williamsburg*, on the first day of *September* next, with their recruiting accounts properly stated, in order to make a settlement, and receive such instructions as are absolutely necessary for the good of the service.

THOMAS MATHEWS, capt.
superintendent of the recruiting service for the 4th *Virginia* regiment.

TO be LET for one year, or a term of years, the large commodious house and store formerly occupied by *Roger North*, deceased. The house is situated on the main street in this town, and has every necessary convenience for a merchant or tavern-keeper. For terms apply to

6| C. NORTH, administratrix.

☞ All persons indebted to the estate are desired to settle their accounts, and those who have any demands to apply for payment.

C. NORTH, adm.

DESERTED from capt. *Pierce's* company of artillery, *John Griffith* (alias *Wells*) who is about 5 feet 10 inches high, has a family on the *Eastern Shore*, and is very well acquainted about *Back* river and *Hampton*. He was a sailor on board the *Virginia* frigate, and has taken several unlawful bounties. Whoever delivers the said deserter to his company, at *Portsmouth*, shall have 20 dollars reward.

WILLIAM POTTHARST, lieut.

To be SOLD to the highest bidder, on Thursday *the 21st instant* (August) *being* Spotsylvania *court day,*

THE reversion of sundry valuable SLAVES, now in the possession of mrs. *Anne Dansie*, who has her life in them, among whom is a valuable house wench, and four fine fellows. The reversion of these slaves was legally vested in col. *Bernard Moore*, who has executed a conveyance of the same to mr. *Loftin Newman*, as security for a debt due to him. The purchaser may be assured that the title is indisputable.

THOMAS ROSE.

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DESERTED *from the ship* Tartar, *lying at* Frazer's *ferry, on* Mattapony, Joseph Martin, *about 30 years old, about 5 feet 6 inches high, of a dark complexion, and has black hair. Also* John Bass, *near 30 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches high, of a dark complexion, and has short black hair. They came both from* Middlesex. *Whoever brings them to the ship at* Frazer's, *or secures them so as they may be had again, shall have 10 dollars for each, and reasonable charges, paid by*

1‖ *RICHARD TAYLOR, capt.*

COMMITTED to the jail of *Prince George*, a negro man who calls himself ADAM, but cannot tell his master's name. He appears to be about 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, has a scar on the back of his left hand and arm, and one on the inside of his left leg, which were occasioned by fighting. He has also a large scar on his belly, and has with him a blanket, but no clothes. Whoever owns the said slave is desired to fetch him away, and pay charges.

HENRY BATTE, jailer.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber, the 20th of *July*, two bay horses, one of them a stout well made horse, nine if not both of his hind feet white, a star in his forehead, full 14 hands high; the other not so well made, and near 14 hands; has the appearance of a fistula rising on his withers. They have both been much worked in a waggon; their brands, if any, are forgot. I will give 20s. for each, delivered to me in *Williamsburg*, and 10l. on conviction of the thief, if stolen.

(tf) JAMES CARTER.

STRAYED from the subscriber living near *Port Royal*, about the first of *June*, two steers that have been worked a little, about 6 or 7 years old, one a red, the other a red and white, and white about the rump and tails they are both marked with an under and over keel in the right ear, and a swallow fork in the left. Whoever brings the said steers to me, or will let me know where they are, so that I get them again, shall have 40s. reward.

2‖ JOHN CATLETT.

STRAYED some time in *May* last, from the *Falls* church in *Fairfax* county, two dry cows. One a red, about 5 or 6 years old, with white face and belly, and in good order. The other red likewise, about 10 or 12 years old, with some white in her face and belly, and one hip higher than the other, occasioned by an old hurt; she is neither so large nor so likely as the other. They were purchased from a drover near *Staunton*, and possibly may be gone that way. They have both ear marks, which are not remembered. Whoever takes up said cows, and secures them so that the owner may get them again, shall have 20s. reward.

JOHN GRAHAM.

To be SOLD at publick vendue, on Monday *the 18th instant, at the* North Landing, *in* Princess Anne *county,*

THE sloop *Meredith*, built of cedar, with all her tackle and apparel, agreeable to an inventory to be seen the day of sale. She is exceedingly well found with all small sails, and sails fast, is about 900 or 1000 bushels burthen, and hove down ready to take in a cargo. Also on the 18th instant will be sold, in the same manner, another cedar sloop called *The Independence*, as she now lies on shore about ten miles to the southward of *Cape Henry*, with her tackle, apparel, &c. agreeable to inventory, to be seen the day of sale; she is one year old, about 1200 bushels burthen, well found, and may be got off at an easy expense.

2‖ PHRIPP & BOWDOIN.

☞ If *Monday* and *Tuesday* do not turn out fair, the vessels will be sold the following days.

NORFOLK county, *August* 4, 1777.

Twenty DOLLARS *Reward.*

RUN away from the subscriber in *Staunton*, an *English* servant man named *William Robertson*, a shoemaker by trade, about 40 years old, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, and has short black hair mixed with some gray; had on when he went away an old felt hat, old sagathy coat, old plush jacket, an old shirt of country linen, linen drawers, white yarn stockings, a pair of old pumps half worn, and pinchbeck buckles. Whoever takes up said servant in the county shall receive ten dollars reward, and if out of the county, the above reward; and if brought home, all reasonable charges, paid by

JACOB PECK.

☞ All recruiting officers are forewarned to enlist him. He is much given to drink.

WESTOVER, *August* 1, 1777.

THE earnest desire I have to settle the affairs of the late col. *Byrd* obliges me again to request the favour of all persons who have demands against his estate to make them known, and that they would furnish me with their accounts, stated from their first transactions with that gentleman. These accounts I should be glad to receive as soon as possible, as I am anxious to give his creditors every satisfaction in my power. I am, in a particular manner, to entreat those gentlemen who may have been employed to collect monies for col. *Byrd* to furnish me with a state of his affairs in their hands; and as many judgments may have been entered against his debtors in different county courts, I will thankfully pay the clerks for copies of such judgments. Those persons who may not have convenient opportunities to *Westover* will please to send the papers I have requested to mr. *Jerman Baker*, near *Petersburg*, who will pay any expense of postage, or for copies of judgments, as above desired.

MARY BYRD, executrix.

N. B. It appearing, from col. *Byrd's* books, that very large sums are due to him for lottery tickets, and on other accounts, it will be taken particularly kind of his debtors to be speedy in making payment. (4)

TAKEN up by the *Lewis* galley, 3 miles without *Smith's* island, now lying at *Queen's* creek, near *Williamsburg*, a vessel about 30 tuns burthen, full of water, without rigging, sails, or cargo; she had been rigged as a sloop, and her decks are much damaged by the enemy. The owner, if any, is desired to apply to

CELEY SAUNDERS, capt. of the *Lewis*.

THIS is to advertise the publick, that the land whereon I live, called and known by the name of *VAUXHALL*, containing 3008 acres, with three good plantations, good orchards of apples, peaches, and cherries, will be sold altogether, or in parcels, as may best suit the purchaser or purchasers, on *Monday* the 25th instant, for ready money; also a grist and double saw mill within one mile of *Vauxhall*, on the same day, and 15 *Virginia* born slaves, for ready money also. The several plantations are under good fences, and land sufficient to work 15 hands.

PHIL JOHNSON.
JAMES BRAY JOHNSON.

To be SOLD to the highest bidder, on Monday *the* 18th *of* August, *on the premises,*

A TRACT of valuable land in *Amelia* county, near the courthouse, lying on both sides of *Little* creek, containing 746 acres, upon which is a plantation, in good order for cropping, sufficient to work 8 or 10 hands, with necessary houses for the reception of a family, and a fine young orchard of 200 apple and 3 or 400 peach trees just beginning to bear. The land is fine for tobacco and corn; the soil of the greatest part being exceeding rich. One half of the purchase money to be paid on the acknowledgment of the deed, the other half on the 1st day of *September* 1779. Also to be sold, on the above terms, on *Wednesday* the 20th of *August*, a tract of land in *Prince Edward*, about 6 miles below the courthouse, containing about 420 acres. It is very good for tobacco, corn, and wheat; and there is a fine new plantation, sufficient to work 4 hands, with an overseer's house, &c. Bond and security will be required, to carry interest from the date if not punctually paid. The greatest part of the stock of cattle, hogs, and sheep, belonging to each plantation, will be sold to the highest bidder, for ready money, on the same days the lands are sold.

2‖ WILLIAM THOMPSON.

FOR SALE for cash, or *European* and *West India* goods, a TRACT of LAND near the *Halfway House* between *York* and *Hampton*, pleasantly situated on the main road, whereon is a good dwelling house, kitchen, and other conveniencies, with very good apple and peach orchards. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms by applying to mr. *Daniel Presson*, living near the premises. Also 100 acres of WOOD LAND within 5 miles of *Portsmouth* town, whereon is a great quantity of very fine pine and oak timber for ship building, and it is within a mile of a very good landing. Their terms apply to the subscriber, in *Portsmouth*.

THOMAS TOMER.

For SALE,

A CHAISE-MARINE, or port waggon, with harness for two or four horses, all in good repair.

W. GOOSLEY.

YORK, *August* 7, 1777.

WHEREAS *Peter Presly Thornton*, esq; of *Northumberland* county, has by his letter constituted and authorised me the subscriber his lawful and acting attorney during his absence from this commonwealth, this is to request and advertise all persons who have any demands against him, being properly authenticated, to apply for payment thereof, and that every person who is indebted to him will immediately settle their accounts, and pay the same, that the said attorney may be speedily enabled to satisfy and adjust all matters relative to the affairs of the said *P. P. Thornton*. 2‖ JOHN MACKAY.

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FRIDAY, August 15, 1777. SUPPLEMENT to the VIRGINIA GAZETTE. PRINTED BY ALEXANDER PURDIE. No 133.

LONDON, *April* 15.

ON Thurſday the Lords with white ſtaves waited on his majeſty at St. James's, with the addreſs voted by the Houſe of Peers on Wedneſday, in anſwer to his majeſty's meſſage relative to the debts of the civil liſt, to which addreſs his majeſty made a moſt gracious anſwer.

The Houſe of Commons, in a committee of ſupply, on Wedneſday, came to the following reſolution:

Reſolved, that there be granted 618,346l. 9s. 4d. to his majeſty, to diſcharge his debts and arrears due and owing upon the civil liſt to the 5th of January laſt; and that for the better ſupply of his majeſty's houſehold, and for the honour and dignity of the crown, there be granted to his majeſty, during his life, out of the aggregate fund, the clear yearly ſum of 100,000l. to commence from the 5th of January, over and above the 800,000l. ſettled on his majeſty, by act of parliament, on his acceſſion to the throne.

Very large orders are now executing in town for *New York*, to the amount of 50,000l. among five houſes only.

The laſt deſpatches from Sir *Hugh Palliſer* bring an advice, that four more men of war of the line, and three frigates, were arrived at the Havannah from Old Spain; and that the whole force in that harbour at preſent, is 11 ſail of the line, from 60 to 80 guns, 7 frigates, 3 ſloops, and 4 xebecks. They have alſo 6000 of the beſt troops of Spain there, and a numerous ſtaff of general officers, diſtributed to have given infinite advice to the Spaniſh miniſtry.

Admiralty orders are ſaid to be given, in caſe the Spaniſh armament ſhould not ſail before the 15th inſtant, to ſtop the ſailing of the Britiſh fleet, conſiſting of 18 ſail of the line, under the command of admiral Barrington, leſt the Spaniſh fleet ſhould ſail to the weſtward, and attack the Britiſh fleet in the channel.

Extract of a letter from Paris, *April* 22.

"The arrival of the emperour here on Saturday laſt, at this critical juncture, however indifferent a matter it may ſeem in the eyes of the generality, appears to the thinking part of mankind an event portending conſequences juſtly alarming to Great Britain. This circumſtance, added to the univerſal favour and partiality ſhewn the Americans, whoſe beſt recommendation is their being natives of that diſtracted country, will (I have too much reaſon to dread) ere we are many days older, furniſh the world with a ſtriking inſtance how much ſuperiour the court of Verſailles is to all other nations in point of that ingenuity and art ſo eſſentially neceſſary in the cabinet."

Orders were yeſterday ſent to Portſmouth for three men of war to ſail immediately to cruiſe within a few leagues of Bourdeaux, though not ſo far as to give offence to the French, but in the proper track to intercept the American ſhips which trade to that place.

Extract of a letter from Portſmouth, *April* 25.

"Arrived at Spithead his majeſty's ſhip Exeter, capt. Moor, who fell in with a French ſhip of 74 guns, prepared for action. The Exeter hailed her, and deſired a boat might be ſent on board. Her anſwer was, ſhe had none; on which one of the lieutenants of the Exeter went on board to inquire into the reaſons of their behaviour, as their guns were pointed, and men in the top with ſmall arms, when the French captain ſhewed him their orders from the French court, which were, to protect any American ſhips in their paſſage."

The Guernſey, capt. Doyle, from Corke to Bourdeaux, was taken the 15th inſtant by the Freedom privateer, and burnt; and the Britannia, Wicker, from Topſham to Newfoundland, was taken the 17th inſtant, only 36 hours from Plymouth. She was one of the Fox fleet. The captain of this laſt was put on board a Dutchman, who landed him at Dover, and returned on Saturday morning, at Lloyd's coffee-houſe the above; as alſo, that the ſaid privateer had been up the channel beyond Falmouth.

In conſequence of ſome deſpatches received from admiral Gayton and ſir Hugh Palliſer, orders were given this week for ſome troops and artillery to be got ready to embark, as ſoon as poſſible, for Jamaica.

It is ſaid general ſir William Howe has aſked a reinforcement of 20,000 men, in order the more effectually to finiſh the war in America this campaign.

May 8. On Tueſday night Mr. Hallet, one of the King's meſſengers, was diſpatched with deſpatches for Joſeph Yorke, eſq. at the Hague, by way of Hanover; in the packet of ſome deſpatches which were delivered on board the Prince of Orange packet, taken by an American privateer near Harwich.

PHILADELPHIA, *July* 24.

In CONGRESS, *July* 23, 1777.

RESOLVED, that Congreſs have a full ſenſe of the merit of brig. gen. Maxwell and the officers and men under his command, who diſtinguiſhed themſelves [illegible] activity [illegible] in the late expedition to Long Iſland; and that an elegant ſword be provided for the ſaid major general at military deſert, and preſented to him. [illegible]

Reſolved, that Congreſs have a full ſenſe of the gallant behaviour of [illegible] of a ſmall party of the [illegible] filled and [illegible] brave officers and men of the party, who diſtinguiſhed themſelves in making [illegible] of the Britiſh army near Staten Iſland, under the command of brig. gen. Barrington, his aid de camp, and that an elegant ſword be provided for the ſaid major general of militia, and preſented to him. [illegible]

Extract from the minutes.

CHARLES THOMSON, *ſecry.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Forty DOLLARS Reward.

IN conſequence of my ſuperintendant of *February* laſt, all my horſes that were ſent home from *Glouceſter* town on account of the [illegible] have joined their company, except the three following perſons, viz. *Daniel Muſick*, a ſlender made man, 25 or 26 years old, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, enliſted in *Orange* county, but ſince has gone I underſtand to *Carolina*. *Thomas Hill*, 23 or 24 years old, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high; enliſted in *Culpeper* county, but ſince, as is ſuppoſed, is gone to the back inhabitants. *James Berry*, a mulatto fellow, about 30 years old, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high; enliſted in *Fredericſburg*, but ſerved his time with me, *Thomas Bell* of *Orange* county. And as I have the greateſt reaſon to ſuſpect they will not return to the regiment, I will give the above reward to any perſon that will deliver them to any continental officer on his march to head quarters, or to the commanding officer at *Williamſburg*, or 20 dollars for each of them. JOSEPH SPENCER, capt. 7th regiment.

RICHMOND county, *July* 30, 1777.

IN *April* laſt I engaged with mr. *George Torby*, executor of *John Torby*, deceaſed, to take up a protected bill of exchange drawn by the ſaid *John Torby* in the year 1773 on meſſ. *Clay & Mickley*, merchants of *Liverpool*, in favour of [illegible] and indorſed by mr. *David Ross* for the ſum of 170l. ſterling, which bill I was then informed was in the hands of mr. *William Aitcheſon*, merchant of *Fredericſburg*, and in order to diſcharge the ſame, I inſtructed a [illegible] to inquire for the ſaid *Aitcheſon*, who was informed that he had [illegible] monday. The ſaid [illegible] may hold the ſaid [illegible] and is deſired to take notice that unleſs the ſame, with the intereſt, is paid before that [illegible] made. [illegible]

To be SOLD, on Thurſday the [illegible] October, at Hallifax court houſe, [illegible] court day,

ONE HUNDRED ſtout likely NEGROES, and [illegible] and grain land. [illegible] purchaſers. [illegible] be viewed, [illegible] days before the ſale, upon application to mr. [illegible] Hallifax. Whoever is diſpoſed to purchaſe [illegible] one day at leaſt before the ſale, may know [illegible] the ſubſcriber, living near *King & Queen* courthouſe.

WILLIAM [illegible]

To be SOLD to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, on Monday the 1ſt of September, at Richmond *town*, at Hearing [illegible]

A VERY good SCHOONER [illegible] 70 tuns burthen, with her [illegible] ſhip, anchors, and boat; alſo [illegible] ſails, and a large boat, the property of *Caleb Davis*, deceaſed. And will alſo be ſold on the laſt dwelling houſe of the ſaid *Davis*, on *Shockoe Hundred*, on [illegible] the 11th inſtant, ſundry [illegible] kitchen furniture, alſo two good [illegible] calves, with three good horſes, and a good new double chaiſe and harneſs. The terms will be agreed on the day of ſale. All perſons indebted to the ſaid eſtate are deſired to come and pay off their accounts, and thoſe who have any demands againſt it are deſired to bring them in properly proved, that they may [illegible]

JOHN [illegible]

To be RENTED, [illegible]

I [illegible] a plantation [illegible] *Caroline* county, [illegible] ſeated for [illegible] I am deſirous [illegible] that he would [illegible] publiſh or marry the [illegible] any perſon [illegible] as he will [illegible] *December* next.

PHILIP [illegible]

To be RENTED, and entered on the [illegible] day of November next,

THE houſe on the main road leading from *Hanover* courthouſe to *Richmond* town, conveniently ſituated for the purpoſe of tavern-keeping, or reſidence for a private family, having eight good rooms below and two above ſtairs, with a good kitchen, dairy, waſh houſe, meat houſe, and a large barn and ſtable. Any perſon inclinable to rent may know the terms by application to the ſubſcriber, on the premiſes. THOMAS SMITH.

A TRACT of LAND, containing 443

L OST by the ſubſcriber, on *Friday* the

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S TRAYED or STOLEN from *Fluvanna*, in *Prince George*, a grey horſe 4 feet 1 or 2 inches high, has a remarkable large head, a cut in the near ear with a knife, and branded on the near ſhoulder and buttock A. Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to me, in *Petersburg*, ſhall have TEN DOLLARS reward.

WILLIAM HORTON.

TAKEN up in *Mecklenburg*, on *Roanoke* river, a ſorrel horſe 11 or 12 years old, 14 hands 6 or 7 inches high, with a blaze face, hind round, branded on the near buttock C, and had a bell on. Poſted, and appraiſed to 11l.

Thomas Jones, jun.

TAKEN up in *Stafford*, near *Aquia*, a dark bay horſe near 14 hands and a half high, 3 years old, has a ſtar in his forehead, appears to be juſt broke, trots and gallops; and branded on the near buttock X. poſted, and appraiſed to 30l.

John Mercer.